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## **Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee to meet in Idaho Falls, Id.**

The Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee (GYIBC) will hold its tri-annual meeting September 16-17, 2003 at the Red Lion Inn in Idaho Falls, Id. The technical and education subcommittees will meet at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, September 16. The Executive Committee meeting is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, September 17. All meetings are open to the public.

The GYIBC is a multi-state and federal interagency effort to collectively identify and implement equitable solutions to concerns about brucellosis in the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA) while moving towards the elimination of the disease that is not native to wildlife. Topics for this meeting will include scientific presentations and discussions on the Jackson Bison/Elk Environmental Impact Study, Oral Treatment of Wildlife for Brucellosis, Update on the Montana Bison Plan, Recent Legislation in Idaho, Brucellosis in Bighorn Sheep, Proposed Feasibility Study for a Quarantine Protocol.

The GYIBC is made up of representatives from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Idaho Department of Agriculture, Montana Department of Livestock, Wyoming Livestock Board, USDA Forest Service, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA Agricultural Research Service, USDI Fish and Wildlife Service, USDI National Park Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management, USDI Geological Service. It is the Goal of the Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee (GYIBC) to protect and sustain the existing free-ranging elk and bison populations in the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA) and protect the public interests and economic viability of the livestock industry in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

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